[*Translation*]

Hydel Power Project in Kashmir

3024. SHRI SURENDRA PAL PATHAK: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the extent of work completed so far on Dulhasti Hydel Project being set up in Kishtwar in Kashmir;

(b) whether the Government propose to complete the said project before the scheduled time; and

(c) if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) Design for all the major components of Dulhasti Hydroelectric Power Project has been finalised. The diversion tunnel has been completed and the river diverted on the 17th of March '91 to enable excavation and construction of main dam and head race tunnel. Excavation of the main dam has been partially completed and concurring started in Jan. '92. Excavation and boring of head race tunnel has been processing satisfactorily and so far more than 1000 mt. has been completed. Work on excavation for power house is also in progress.

(b) and (c). The projects is expected to be commissioned by July, 1994 as per schedule.

Electronic Telephone Exchanges in Country

3025. SHRI CHHEDI PASWAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise number of computerised/electronic telephone exchanges set up in the country so far;

(b) whether the Government propose to set up more such telephone exchanges in the country particularly in Bihar during the current year; and

(c) if so, the names of the cities where these telephone exchanges are likely to be set up?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Statement laid on the Table of the House.

(b) & (c). Yes Sir. During 1991-92 upto December, 91, 1431 electronic exchanges have been added in the country In Bihar, upto February 1992 a total of 92 Electronic Exchanges have been set up to March '92 in Bihar:

1. Dulsingsarai
2. Sutanganj
3. Bermo
4. Bagha
5. Barharwa
6. Ghatsila
7. Jhajha
8. Naugchia
9. Sheikhpura
10. Madhupur
11. Raneshwar
12. Madhepura.

STATEMENT

The State/Union Territory-wise number of Computerised/electronic telephone exchanges setup in the Country as on 31.12.1991 are as below:-

Sl. No.	*Name of State Union Territory*	*No. of Computerised/Electronic Telephone Exchange.*
	States	
1.	Andhra Pradesh	391
2.	Assam	109
3.	Bihar	160
4.	Goa	35
5.	Gujarat (includes Dadra & Nagar Haveli, Daman & Dieu)	264
6.	Haryana	231
7.	Himachal Pradesh	122
8.	Jammu & Kashmir	35
9.	Karnataka	396
10.	Kerala	197
11.	Madhya Pradesh	617
12.	Maharashtra	446
13.	North East (Cmprises Arunachal Pradesh Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland & Tripura)	106
14.	Orissa	238
15.	Punjab	200
16.	Rajasthan	250
17.	Sikkim	6
18.	Tamil Nadu	312

Sl. No.	*Name of State Union Territory*	*No. of Computerised/Electronic Telephone Exchange.*
19.	Uttar Pradesh	490
20.	West Bengal	142
	Union Territories.	
1.	Andeman & Nicobar Islands	12
2.	Chandigarh	2
3.	Delhi	53
4.	Lakshadweep	8
5.	Pondicherry	3
	Total	4825

[*English*]

Safety Equipments in Planes

3026. SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIAION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the safety equipments in planes particularly those operated by private airlines are not adequate; and

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIAION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b). Private airlines are also subject to the provisions of the Aircraft Rules 1937. The DGCA periodically monitors their equipment and operations.

[*Translation*]

Utilisation of River Waters in Bihar

3027. SHRI SURYA NARAYAN YADAV: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any study has been conducted by the Union Government for utilisation of river waters in Bihar, especially Kosi and Kamla rivers; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) and (b). The National Water Policy adopted in September, 1987, among other things, states that the recource planning in the case of water has to be done fo a hydrological unit such as a drainage basin as a whole, or for a sub-basin. All individual